

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose	Levy	Total	At Mass
Immaculate Conception	£274.00	£57.13	£70.63	£401.76	126
All Saints	£222.00	£108.70	£118.02	£448.72	97
St. John's	£127.00	£15.02	£20.22	£162.24	34
			Total	£1012.72	257

Grateful thanks to all for your generous offerings.

PARISH NOTICES

KNOW AND SHARE: There will be faith formation on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception. A hearty welcome awaits all those who are seeking growth in their faith.

PARISH WELFARE: We are looking for Parishioners to sign up for the formation of a Welfare Ministry in the Pastoral Area to take care of the welfare needs of all our brothers and sisters, especially the sick, the housebound, and the lonely. Please give your name to Fr. Edmund

SACRAMENT PREPARATIONS: We are looking for Parishioners for the Teaching Ministry to help with the preparation of candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation/ RCIA. Your services will be very much appreciated. Please see Fr. Edmund if you can help in any way.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING: At the request of those who were unable to attend the first training session, it is proposed that a second one is held. Please contact Mike: mike.morgan0@gmail.com or 01495 711658, 07407 474723 so that a date can be arranged.

FEAST OF ST DAVID

As Ash Wednesday falls on the 1st of March, the celebration of St. David's feast is anticipated on Tuesday 28th February. There will be Holy Mass at All Saints Church at 6:30pm and a Social Evening in All Saints Hall after Mass. Please keep the date in mind. More details to follow later.



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6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year A Mass Book p153 **12th February 2017**

Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP Teresa, Daniel, Patrick & Carpenter Family
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	Theresa Herbert & Mildred Jones Joao Jos Ries RIP
	10:30am	All Saints	Sid Withey RIP John O'Sullivan RIP
	5:30pm	St. John's	Brenda D'arcy
Monday 13th	10:00am	St. John's	Denis Buckley RIP
Tuesday 14th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	The Reardon family
Wed 15th	10:00am	All Saints	Requiem Margaret Brooks
Thursday 16th	9:30am	All Saints School	Holy Souls
Friday 17th	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception	Theresa Herbert
Saturday 18th	10:00am	All Saints	
Vigil	5:30pm	Immaculate Conception	Glenys Simmons RIP Josephine John
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Immaculate Conception	George Richardson RIP Anniv. Mary & John Lloyd RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	All Saints	
	5:30pm	St. John's	Laz Minoli RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's: Monday 10:30am until 11:00am

All Saints: Daily from 10:30am until 6:00pm

Immaculate Conception: Friday from 12noon until 3:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St John's: After Mass on Monday and Sunday at 5pm

All Saints: After Mass on Wednesday and Saturday

Immaculate Conception: Before Mass on Tuesday, and Saturday at 5pm

VIGIL LAMPS

Immaculate Conception: Our Lady Yvonne Brown
Immaculate Conception: Sacred Heart Stephen Try
All Saints: Our Lady Gina Bassini RIP
All Saints: Sacred Heart Special Intention (LR)

From the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

“The New Law is called a law of love because it makes us act out of the love infused by the Holy Spirit, rather than from fear; a law of grace, because it confers the strength of grace to act, by means of faith and the sacraments; a law of freedom, because it sets us free from the ritual and juridical observances of the Old Law, inclines us to act spontaneously by the prompting of charity and, finally, lets us pass from the condition of a servant who "does not know what his master is doing" to that of a friend of Christ - "For all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" - or even to the status of son and heir.” (CCC, 1972)

GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5: 17-37)

One of the challenges that face any human group is the enactment and enforcement of laws. Jesus Christ affirms the importance of the Law and the Prophets in our relationship with one another and in our relationship with God. The Law and the Prophets find their fulfillment and completion in Jesus who invites us to keep them.

Unlike human laws which are always tainted with issues of selfishness and oppression, the laws of Christ contain the hidden wisdom of God. They are laws motivated and given by love, and can only be fulfilled by genuine love and true concern for others. Hence Christ stresses that, “if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven”. The motivation behind the fulfillment of the laws must always be love and not a slavish obedience. Christ therefore draws our attention to examine the intentions and motivations behind the infringement of laws such as murder, adultery and divorce and breaking of oaths.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS OF OUR PASTORAL AREA, ESPECIALLY:

† the sick and housebound:

Jeanette Badham, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Keyon Hughes, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Cathy O’Leary, Ruth Phillips, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Mary Thomas, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Helen Yabsley, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Daniel Morgan Bennett, Raymond Titley, Jeanette Prothero, Pauline Thomas. Barbara McCarthy, Gavin Hughes, Norma Beecher, Maria James, Maureen Hague, Doris Morris, Sheila Bennett

† those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Edna O’Keefe, Elizabeth Marshman, Michael Lynch, Shirley Skelly, Bridget Buckley, Dean O’Neill, Ernie Worthington, Nora Jones, Theresa French, Janice Daniels, Francis Long, Mary Anne Fenton.. Robert Surtees, Charles Joseph Sheehy, Mary Veronica Lewis, Brian John Morris

Eternal Rest

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Brooks** who passed on 2nd February 2017. Her Requiem will take place at 10:00am on Wednesday 15th February 2017 at All Saints Church. May our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family.

VISIT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Are there any sick or housebound in the Parish? Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Edmund as soon as possible to arrange for a visit and prayer for the sick person, be they at Home, Residential/ Nursing/Care Home or in a Hospital. Let the word of God through the Apostle James 5: 14-16 guide you in this regard. Thanks